

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A cloth holding device including a support frame (11) made of magnetic material and a presser frame (12), clamping a workpiece cloth therebetween, the cloth holding device comprising:

an attachment unit (13, 14) provided on the presser frame (12) and pressing the presser frame (12) against the support frame (11) by a magnetic attraction exerted between the support frame (11) and the presser frame (12);

a positioning unit (12e) that positions the attachment unit (13, 14) to the presser frame (12);

~~characterized in that wherein~~ the attachment unit (13, 14) is detachable from a presser frame (12) surface opposite a surface pressing the workpiece cloth (W).

2. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 1, wherein the positioning unit is characterized in having an engagement hole (12e) defined thereto for an engagement of the attachment unit (13, 14) therewith.

3. (Currently Amended) A cloth holding device including a support frame (31, 51) made of magnetic material and a presser frame (32, 52), clamping a workpiece cloth therebetween, the cloth holding device comprising:

an attachment unit (33, 34, 53, 54) provided in the presser frame (32, 52) and movable between an attached position proximate the support frame (31, 51) and a detached position spaced from the support frame (31, 51);

a switch unit (33, 35) that switches the attachment unit (33, 34, 53 and 54) between the attached position and the detached position;

~~characterized in that wherein~~ the attachment unit (33, 34, 53 and 54) when in the attached position presses the presser frame (32, 52) against the support frame (31, 51) by a magnetic attraction exerted between the support frame (31, 51) and the presser frame (32, 52).

4. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the support frame has a support surface supporting the

workpiece cloth-(W) and the switch unit-(35) has a guide portion-(32e) provided in the presser frame and movably guiding the attachment unit in a direction perpendicular to the support surface and an operating portion (34b)-provided in the attachment unit switching the attachment unit between the attached position and the detached position by a pushing/pulling operation.

5. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the switch unit-(55) further comprises a lever member-(61) having a lengthwise mid-portion thereof supported rotatably by the presser frame and having one end connected to the attachment unit, and a pair of operating portions-(61a, 61b) provided on both ends of the lever member-(61), a pressing operation of which effects rotation of the lever member-(61) to switch the attachment unit between the attached position and the detached position.

6. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the attachment unit-(13, 14, 23, 24, 33, 34, 43, 44, 53, 54) further comprises a plurality of magnets-(13, 23, 33, 43, 53) and a plurality of magnet holding members-(14, 24, 34, 44, 54) that hold the plurality of magnets-(13, 23, 33, 43, 53), wherein the presser frame is pressed against the support frame by the magnet holding members-(14, 24, 34, 44, 54) when the magnets-(13, 23, 33, 43, 53) are attached to the support frame.

7. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the attachment unit-(13, 14, 23, 24, 33, 34, 43, 44, 53, 54) further comprises a plurality of magnets-(13, 23, 33, 43, 53) and a plurality of magnet holding members-(14, 24, 34, 44, 54) that hold the plurality of magnets-(13, 23, 33, 43, 53), wherein the presser frame is pressed against the support frame by the magnet holding members-(14, 24, 34, 44, 54) when the magnets-(13, 23, 33, 43, 53) are attached to the support frame.

8. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least either of confronting portions of the support frame-(71, 73, 75) or the presser frame-(70, 72, 74) is provided with anti-slip portions-(71a, 72a, 74a, 75a).

9. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 3 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least either of confronting portions of the support frame ~~(71, 73, 75)~~ or the presser frame ~~(70, 72, 74)~~ is provided with anti-slip portions ~~(71a, 72a, 74a, 75a)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the magnet holding member is made of a magnetic material.

11. (Currently Amended) The cloth holding device according to claim 7 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the magnet holding member is made of a magnetic material.

12. (Currently Amended) A cloth holding device including a plate-form or a frame-form support member ~~(21)~~ made of magnetic material and a presser frame ~~(22)~~, clamping a workpiece cloth ~~(W)~~ therebetween, the cloth holding device comprising:
an attachment unit ~~(23, 34)~~ provided on the support member ~~(21)~~ and pressing the presser frame ~~(22)~~ against the support member ~~(21)~~ by a magnetic attraction exerted between the support member ~~(21)~~ and the presser frame ~~(22)~~;
a positioning unit ~~(21e)~~ that positions the attachment unit ~~(23, 24)~~ to the support member ~~(21)~~;
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the attachment unit ~~(23, 24)~~ is detachable from a support member ~~(21)~~ surface opposite a surface pressing the workpiece cloth ~~(W)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A cloth holding device including a plate-form or a frame-form support member ~~(41)~~ made of magnetic material and a presser frame ~~(42)~~, clamping a workpiece cloth ~~(W)~~ therebetween, the cloth holding device comprising:
an attachment unit ~~(43, 44)~~ provided in the support member ~~(41)~~ and movable between an attached position proximate the presser frame ~~(42)~~ and a detached position spaced from the support frame ~~(41)~~;
a switch unit ~~(45)~~ that switches a position of the attachment unit ~~(43, 44)~~ between the attached position and the detached position;
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the attachment unit ~~(43, 44)~~ when in the attached position presses the support member ~~(41)~~ against the presser frame ~~(42)~~ by a magnetic attraction exerted between the support member ~~(41)~~ and the presser frame ~~(42)~~.